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1. GENERAL.

This summary, issued by the Commonwealth Statistician, (Dr. Roland Wilson) covers the operations of Part VII of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947 for the month of September, 1947 and the three months ended September, 1947.

The Act provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or temporary incapacity. It also provides a third class of benefit - designated Special Benefit - which gives a measure of assistance to those persons who, on account of some special circumstances, cannot comply with the statutory requirements relating to unemployment or sickness benefit, and who are prevented from earning a livelihood and are in need.

The number of recipients of benefit do not embrace the total unemployment and sickness in the community. Unemployment or sickness of less than seven days' duration is not covered due to the provision in the Act of a "waiting period" of this length of time during which no benefit is payable. Permanent incapacity is not included as this is covered by the Age and Invalid section of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947. The application of a "means test" excludes another group from benefit. The inclusion of claims rejected - see Section 8 - completes the coverage of all persons applying for benefit, irrespective of whether their claims are approved or rejected.

The number of "persons on benefit" in this summary relates to principal beneficiaries who would normally be breadwinners. Dependants of such beneficiaries are not included.

The information contained in this bulletin has been compiled from data made available by the Department of Social Services. The details given in Sections 4, 6 and 7 refer to admittances and exits notified during the period shown and not to admittances and exits which actually occurred during the period.

Due to delay in the receipt of information in respect of some beneficiaries the figures are preliminary and subject to revision. This applies particularly to discontinuances and results in persons on benefit at the end of the month being overstated.

2. BENEFITS PAID.

The benefits paid in respect of each class of benefit in each State during September, 1947 and the three months ended September, 1947, are shown in the following table:-

AMOUNT OF BENEFITS PAID DURING SEPTEMBER, 1947 AND THE
THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1947 : STATES.

State	Benefits paid during September, 1947				Benefits paid during three months ended September, 1947			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
N.S.W. (a)	8,862	30,514	291	39,667	29,422	84,400	1,628	115,450
Victoria	1,850	13,508	454	15,812	8,277	49,201	1,668	59,146
Queensland	13,843	5,312	616	19,771	57,165	20,168	1,924	79,257
S. Aust. (b)	644	8,162	424	9,230	1,987	20,971	868	23,826
W. Australia	4,098	5,037	383	9,518	16,358	16,045	1,134	33,537
Tasmania	390	3,405	207	4,002	1,196	9,974	500	11,670
<u>TOTAL</u>	29,687	65,938	2,375	98,000	114,405	200,759	7,722	322,886

- (a) Includes Australian Capital Territory
(b) Includes Northern Territory.

3. SUMMARY - CLAIMS ADMITTED, EXITS, PERSONS ON BENEFIT

The following table shows for the years 1945-46 and 1946-47, and for the months September, 1946 to September, 1947, the number of claims admitted and discontinued and persons remaining on benefit:-

CLAIMS ADMITTED, DISCONTINUANCES AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT - YEARS 1945-46 AND 1946-47 AND MONTHS FROM SEPTEMBER, 1946 TO SEPTEMBER, 1947

AUSTRALIA

Period	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
CLAIMS ADMITTED									
Year 1945-46	65,455	12,289	33,178	6,724	242	194	98,875	19,207	118,082
" 1946-47	73,379	5,199	45,024	11,004	1,271	335	119,674	16,538	136,212
1946 -									
September	2,791	109	3,385	759	27	22	6,203	890	7,093
October	3,102	97	3,546	877	81	27	6,729	1,001	7,730
November	16,132	1,001	4,348	1,065	201	31	20,681	2,097	22,778
December	9,608	324	2,905	707	197	38	12,710	1,069	13,779
1947 -									
January	6,649	170	3,018	656	108	20	9,775	846	10,621
February	5,903	165	3,412	909	116	24	9,431	1,098	10,529
March	5,072	196	4,661	1,293	119	37	9,852	1,526	11,378
April	4,275	145	3,308	802	82	21	7,665	968	8,633
May	4,231	217	5,056	1,345	157	46	9,444	1,608	11,052
June	2,670	117	3,852	1,008	70	21	6,592	1,146	7,738
July (a)	2,589	136	5,480	1,507	187	94	8,256	1,737	9,993
August (a)	2,134	111	5,755	1,547	134	58	8,023	1,716	9,739
September (a)	1,394	63	4,183	1,119	73	20	5,655	1,202	6,857
DISCONTINUANCES									
Year 1945-46	58,879	11,992	27,550	5,432	186	54	86,615	17,478	104,093
" 1946-47	73,974	5,269	43,388	10,077	1,136	210	118,498	15,556	134,054
1946 -									
September	2,983	145	3,293	655	24	8	6,300	808	7,108
October	3,106	107	3,424	777	47	27	6,577	911	7,488
November	9,833	874	4,332	983	75	18	14,241	1,875	16,116
December	5,084	176	2,744	735	78	19	7,906	930	8,836
1947 -									
January	11,151	367	3,112	672	194	13	14,457	1,052	15,509
February	6,367	146	3,336	756	114	18	9,817	920	10,737
March	7,197	215	4,318	1,087	190	34	11,705	1,336	13,041
April	5,192	157	3,365	894	99	12	8,656	1,063	9,719
May	5,945	242	4,803	1,220	157	22	10,905	1,484	12,389
June	3,803	151	3,796	965	76	15	7,675	1,131	8,806
July (a)	3,265	151	4,549	1,158	142	45	7,956	1,354	9,310
August (a)	3,230	141	5,719	1,484	135	23	9,084	1,648	10,732
September (a)	1,990	76	4,312	1,159	107	35	6,409	1,270	7,679
PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF EACH MONTH									
1946 -									
June	6,576	297	5,628	1,292	56	140	12,260	1,729	13,989
September	6,017	230	6,389	1,646	90	178	12,496	2,054	14,550
October	6,013	220	6,511	1,746	124	178	12,648	2,144	14,792
November	12,312	347	6,526	1,828	250	191	19,083	2,366	21,454
December	16,836	495	6,687	1,800	369	210	23,892	2,505	26,397
1947 -									
January	12,334	298	6,593	1,784	283	217	19,210	2,299	21,509
February	11,870	317	6,669	1,937	235	223	18,824	2,477	21,301
March	9,745	298	7,012	2,143	214	226	16,971	2,667	19,638
April	8,828	286	6,955	2,051	197	235	15,980	2,572	18,552
May	7,114	261	7,208	2,176	197	259	14,519	2,696	17,215
June	5,981	227	7,264	2,219	191	265	13,436	2,711	16,147
July (a)	5,305	212	8,195	2,568	236	314	13,736	3,094	16,830
August (a)	4,209	182	8,231	2,631	235	349	12,675	3,162	15,837
September (a)	3,613	169	8,107	2,591	201	334	11,921	3,094	15,015

(a) Subject to revision.

4. BENEFITS DISCONTINUED.

(i) Duration: The number of weeks during which benefit was paid for each of the cases of benefit whose discontinuance was notified during September, 1947 and the three months ended September, 1947, is shown in the following table:-

DURATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING SEPTEMBER, 1947,
AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA.

Duration of Benefit	P E R S O N S							
	September, 1947				Three months ended September 1947			
	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Weeks								
Less than 1	228	467	8	703	975	1,544	25	2,544
1 and under 2	331	840	25	1,196	1,265	2,699	64	4,028
2 " " 3	234	787	20	1,041	918	2,366	54	3,338
3 " " 4	167	775	16	958	734	2,294	45	3,073
4 " " 5	140	495	18	653	567	1,706	46	2,319
5 " " 9	368	1,263	36	1,667	1,547	3,751	97	5,395
9 " " 13	219	592	23	834	811	1,554	59	2,424
13 " " 27	246	497	19	762	1,122	1,618	61	2,801
27 and over	250	254	12	516	914	849	36	1,799
<u>TOTAL</u>	2,183	5,970	177	8,330	8,853	18,381	487	27,721

The following table shows for discontinuances notified during September, 1947 and the three months ended September, 1947 the percentage distribution according to specified durations of benefit:-

BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING SEPTEMBER, 1947 AND THE THREE
MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1947 - PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION
ACCORDING TO DURATION : AUSTRALIA

Duration of Benefit	September, 1947				Three months ended September 1947			
	Unem- ployment	Sick- ness	Special	Total	Unem- ployment	Sick- ness	Special	Total
Weeks	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
27 and over	11.5	4.2	6.8	6.2	10.3	4.6	7.4	6.5
13 " "	22.7	12.6	17.5	15.3	23.0	13.4	19.9	16.6
9 " "	32.8	22.5	30.5	25.4	32.2	21.9	32.0	25.3
5 " "	49.6	43.7	50.9	45.4	49.6	42.3	52.0	44.8
4 " "	56.0	51.9	61.0	53.2	56.0	51.6	61.4	53.2
3 " "	63.7	64.9	70.1	64.7	64.3	64.0	70.6	64.3
2 " "	74.4	78.1	81.4	77.2	74.7	76.9	81.7	76.3
1 " "	89.6	92.2	95.5	91.6	89.0	91.6	94.9	90.8
Less than 1	10.4	7.8	4.5	8.4	11.0	8.4	5.1	9.2

(ii) Reasons for Cessation: The reasons for terminating benefits whose discontinuance was notified during September, 1947 and the three months ended September, 1947 are shown below:-

REASON FOR CESSATION OF BENEFITS DISCONTINUED DURING SEPTEMBER
1947 AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA.

Reason for Cessation	September, 1947				Three months ended September 1947			
	Unemployment		Sickness		Unemployment		Sickness	
	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%	Persons	%
Employment secured or resumed	1,249	57.2	3,379	56.5	4,942	55.9	10,233	55.7
Incapacity terminated	-	-	1,575	26.4	-	-	4,904	26.7
Failure to report (a)	694	31.8	260	4.3	2,985	33.7	693	3.8
Transfer to another benefit covered by the Act	82	3.8	59	1.0	322	3.6	232	1.3
Statutory age limit (b)	16	0.7	10	0.2	45	0.5	40	0.2
Permanent incapacity (c)	41	1.9	228	3.8	120	1.5	794	4.3
Death	1	0.0	100	1.7	8	0.0	298	1.6
Transfer to another district	44	2.0	93	1.6	157	1.8	321	1.7
Other	56	2.6	266	4.4	264	3.0	866	4.7
TOTAL	2,183	100	5,970	100	8,553	100	18,381	100

(a) In most of these cases the beneficiary has resumed employment without advising Department of Social Services. (b) Includes transfer to Age Pensions. (c) Includes transfer to Invalid pensions.

5. PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF SEPTEMBER, 1947

Total Persons

(i) Proportion per 10,000 in Employment: The proportion of persons on benefit at 27th September, 1947, to the estimated number of employees in employment was approximately 59 per 10,000 comprising 15 unemployment, 42 sickness and 2 special cases per 10,000.

The following table shows the proportion for males and females separately:-

APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1947
PER 10,000 WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT : AUSTRALIA.

Sex	Proportion	No. on benefit per 10,000 in employment			
		Unemployment	Sickness	Special	Total
Males	per 10,000 males	19	44	1	64
Females	per 10,000 females	2	37	3	44
Persons	per 10,000 persons	15	42	2	59

(ii) State Totals: The following table shows the number of persons in each State in receipt of benefit at 27th September, 1947:-

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1947 : STATES

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Persons
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	
N.S.W. (a)	889	54	3,128	959	63	93	4,080	1,105	5,186
Vic.	195	10	2,075	757	35	76	2,305	843	3,148
Qld.	1,912	87	1,152	345	45	61	3,109	493	3,602
S.A. (b)	75	3	817	218	22	30	914	251	1,165
W.A.	494	15	540	194	30	37	1,064	246	1,310
Tas.	48	-	395	118	6	37	449	155	604
TOTAL	3,613	169	8,107	2,591	201	334	11,921	3,094	15,015

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(iii) Ages: Distribution of persons on benefit at 27th September, 1947, according to age groups is shown in the following table:-

GROUPED AGE : PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1947
AUSTRALIA

Grouped Age (as at 31st Dec. 1947)	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons
16 - 19 years	64	29	555	529	1	23	620	581	1,201
20 - 24 "	217	44	766	588	3	19	986	651	1,637
25 - 29 "	296	24	601	334	1	18	898	376	1,274
30 - 34 "	272	10	651	227	4	34	927	271	1,198
35 - 39 "	271	12	704	173	4	35	979	220	1,199
40 - 44 "	306	13	773	177	2	47	1,081	237	1,318
45 - 49 "	395	18	895	249	5	55	1,295	322	1,617
50 - 54 "	451	9	943	180	2	59	1,396	248	1,644
55 - 59 "	592	9	1,170	126	5	25	1,767	160	1,927
60 years and over	749	1	1,049	8	174	19	1,972	28	2,000
<u>TOTAL</u>	3,613	169	8,107	2,591	201	334	11,921	3,094	15,015

6. UNEMPLOYMENT - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING SEPTEMBER, 1947 AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1947 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF SEPTEMBER, 1947

(i) Cause of Unemployment: The following table analyses the reasons for termination of employment as stated by persons whose admission to benefit was notified during September, 1947 and the three months ended September, and by those who were on benefit at 27th September, 1947.

Discharges and lay-offs are separations on the initiative of the employer, the broad distinction being that a discharge is final and there is no likelihood of the person being re-engaged, at least in the near future. A lay-off is a separation a temporary nature with the idea that the job will be available again for the employee as soon as circumstances permit. Quits are separations which take place on the initiative of the employee.

CAUSE OF UNEMPLOYMENT : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING SEPTEMBER, 1947 AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA.

Cause of Unemployment	Admitted during September, 1947		Admitted during 3 months ended Sept, 1947		On Benefit at 27th Sept, 1947	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Discharged or Laid Off -						
Disciplinary reasons	16	-	68	2	49	1
Inefficiency, including medical unfitness	102	9	388	25	290	9
Power rationing	4	3	6	3	14	3
Shortage of materials	100	3	369	8	155	5
Strikes and lock-outs	15	-	28	1	37	-
Seasonal work	98	1	445	4	259	8
Casual work	319	5	1,438	26	665	12
Other including inadequately defined	382	17	1,509	85	1,055	37
Quitted -						
Medical unfitness work too heavy	250	23	922	96	589	52
Other quits, including inadequately defined	116	8	587	41	229	23
Not Previously Employed -						
Employers, workers on own account	54	1	228	1	160	2
Ex-service personnel not yet returned to work	34	-	110	2	99	3
Other	6	2	19	16	12	14
<u>TOTAL:</u>	1,496	72	6,117	310	3,613	169

(ii) Industrial Groups: In the following statement is shown the distribution, according to main industrial groups, of persons whose admission to benefit was notified during September, 1947 and the three months ended September, 1947 and of those on benefit at 27th September, 1947:

UNEMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING SEPTEMBER, 1947
AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1947 : AUSTRALIA.

Industry in which last engaged	Admitted during September 1947		Admitted during three months ended September, 1947		On Benefit at 27th Sept. 1947	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	149	-	753	4	391	2
Other Primary Production	24	-	129	-	66	-
Coal Mining	2	-	21	-	28	-
Other Mining and Quarrying	20	-	146	-	58	-
Factories and Industrial -						
Founding, engineering, metalworking including shipbuilding	91	3	392	8	281	5
Vehicles, including aircraft	32	-	119	-	73	-
Textiles and articles of dress	22	7	65	40	45	25
Food, drink and tobacco	206	11	511	27	384	18
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	51	1	166	2	88	1
Other factories, including heat, light and power	87	3	318	12	158	5
Building and Construction	235	-	978	-	449	-
Transport and Communication	127	3	539	13	306	7
Commerce and Finance -						
Wholesale and retail trade	138	8	628	53	385	22
Finance and property	10	-	43	3	30	3
Public Administration and Professional	155	7	740	27	470	19
Personal and Domestic Service	96	27	408	103	272	47
Other	51	2	161	18	129	15
TOTAL	1,496	72	6,117	310	3,613	169

Distribution by States of males in receipt of unemployment benefit at 27th September, 1947, in the principal industrial groups is shown in the following table:

UNEMPLOYMENT : INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - MALES ON BENEFIT AT 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1947 : STATES

Industry in which last engaged	N.S.W. (a)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
Agriculture, Pastoral, etc.	152	25	171	7	31	5	391
Other Primary including Mining	55	20	54	2	19	2	152
Engineering, etc. including Vehicles	126	24	142	14	46	2	354
Food, Drink, etc. Factories	59	19	261	5	31	9	384
Other Factories	75	29	121	9	54	3	291
Building and Construction	108	21	246	6	60	8	449
Transport	55	9	182	7	44	9	306
Commerce and Finance	96	19	214	13	68	5	415
Public Administration and Professional (c)	70	11	311	8	67	3	470
Personal and Domestic Service	76	9	131	4	51	1	272
Other	17	9	79	-	23	1	129
TOTAL 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1947	889	195	1,912	75	494	48	3,613
TOTAL 28TH SEPTEMBER, 1946	1,487	557	2,536	151	1,174	112	6,017

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Includes civilians previously employed by Australian or Allied Services - N.S.W. 26, Q'ld. 193, S.A. 1, W.A. 16, Australia 236.

(iii) Metropolitan and Other: Admissions to unemployment benefit notified during the three months ended September, 1947, and persons on benefit at 27th September, 1947, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" Districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

DISTRIBUTION OF UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during three months ended September, 1947				On Benefit at 27th September, 1947			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	368	6	1,095	96	255	5	634	49
Victoria	138	30	358	6	48	8	147	2
Queensland	1,493	42	1,519	101	1,230	35	682	52
South Australia (c)	73	1	41	1	61	3	14	-
Western Australia	742	11	198	16	423	9	71	6
Tasmania	77	-	15	-	43	-	5	-
TOTAL	2,891	90	3,226	220	2,060	60	1,553	109

(a) Metropolitan comprises the regions administered from Capital City and Suburban district offices of the Departments of Social Services or Labour and National Services (Employment Service). In N.S.W., Liverpool is included in "Other". In S.A., Port Adelaide and in W.A. Fremantle and Midland Junction are included in "Metropolitan". (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

7. SICKNESS - CLAIMS ADMITTED DURING SEPTEMBER AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1947 AND PERSONS ON BENEFIT AT END OF SEPTEMBER, 1947.

(i) Metropolitan and Other: Sickness benefits whose admission was notified during the three months ended September, 1947, and those current at 27th September, 1947, are dissected into "Metropolitan" and "Other" districts (based on the usual place of residence of the beneficiary) in the following table:-

DISTRIBUTION OF SICKNESS BENEFICIARIES BETWEEN METROPOLITAN AND OTHER DISTRICTS (a) : STATES.

State	Claims admitted during three months ended September, 1947				On Benefit at 27th September, 1947			
	Metropolitan		Other		Metropolitan		Other	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
New South Wales (b)	3,202	1,186	2,390	445	1,683	667	1,445	292
Victoria	2,480	865	1,269	290	1,361	567	714	190
Queensland	1,067	304	1,234	216	623	206	529	139
South Australia (c)	1,160	252	554	92	581	167	236	51
Western Australia	739	275	556	90	331	148	209	46
Tasmania	333	73	439	85	158	55	237	63
TOTAL	8,981	2,955	6,442	1,218	4,737	1,810	3,370	781

(a) See Footnote to table 6 (iii). (b) Includes A. C. T. (c) Includes N. T.

(ii) Industrial Groups: The distribution according to main industrial groups, of persons on sickness benefit at 27th September, 1947, is shown in the following table.

INDUSTRIAL GROUPS : PERSONS ON SICKNESS BENEFIT AT 27TH SEPTEMBER, 1947
AUSTRALIA

Industry in which last engaged	Males	Females	Persons
Agriculture, Pastoral and Dairying	665	21	686
Other Primary Production	206	-	206
Coal Mining	256	1	257
Other Mining and Quarrying	164	1	165
Factories and Industrial -			
Founding, engineering, metalworking, including shipbuilding	1,225	83	1,308
Vehicles, including aircraft	397	21	418
Textiles and articles of dress	277	489	766
Food, drink and tobacco	560	132	692
Furniture, woodwork, etc.	337	22	359
Other Factories, including heat, light and power.	782	149	931
Building and Construction	1,049	3	1,052
Transport and Communication	772	61	833
Commerce and Finance -			
Wholesale and retail trade	691	430	1,121
Finance and property	35	42	77
Public Administration and Professional	271	459	730
Personal and Domestic Service	397	667	1,064
Other	23	10	33
TOTAL:	8,107	2,591	10,698

(iii) Nature of Sickness: The following table shows the principal causes of sickness, as stated on medical certificate of persons whose admission was notified during September, 1947 and the three months ended September, 1947, and of those on benefit at 27th September, 1947.

NATURE OF SICKNESS : CLAIMS ADMITTED, ETC. DURING SEPTEMBER 1947
AND THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 1947
AUSTRALIA

Nature of Sickness	Admitted during September 1947		Admitted during three months ended September, 1947		On Benefit at 27th September 1947	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
Infective and Parasitic Diseases	318	83	971	239	393	164
Cancer	28	8	85	18	76	17
Other Tumours	46	21	136	91	103	69
Rheumatism, Diseases of Nutrition and Vitamin-Deficiency Diseases	311	83	928	290	614	249
Diseases of -						
Blood and Blood-forming Organs	14	19	51	61	38	51
Nervous System and Sense Organs	403	170	1,246	533	784	360
Circulatory System	407	44	1,242	172	944	147
Respiratory System	643	138	2,020	426	898	256
Digestive System	1,033	295	3,237	948	1,488	396
Genito-Urinary System	209	115	633	329	364	199
Pregnancy, Childbirth, etc.	-	91	-	269	-	217
Skin and Cellular Tissue	261	58	898	204	322	70
Bones and Organs of Movement	119	25	357	84	218	77
Other Diseases (including ill- defined conditions)	90	29	243	114	133	79
Injuries and Acute Poisoning -						
Fractures	491	52	1,624	155	1,119	118
Other Injuries, etc.	448	47	1,607	155	538	66
Operations (original disability not stated)	27	28	91	68	54	47
Other (Including not stated)	17	9	54	17	21	9
TOTAL	4,870	1,315	15,423	4,173	8,107	2,591

8. TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED

The total number of applicants for benefit whose claims were notified during the three months ended September, 1947, and those whose claims were notified as rejected during the same period are shown in the table below. No further dissection of rejected claims has been made but it is hoped to extract further information at a later date.

TOTAL APPLICATIONS FOR BENEFIT AND CLAIMS REJECTED - THREE MONTHS ENDED
SEPTEMBER, 1947 : STATES.

State	Unemployment		Sickness		Special		Total		Percentage Rejects to Total
	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	Total Claims	Rejects	
N.S.W.(a)	2,468	903	8,251	1,028	216	52	10,935	1,983	18.13
Victoria	1,267	735	5,741	837	187	52	7,195	1,624	22.57
Queensland	5,183	2,028	3,331	510	198	70	8,712	2,608	29.94
S. A. (b)	189	73	2,537	479	65	20	2,791	572	20.49
W. A.	1,499	532	1,961	301	76	11	3,536	844	23.87
Tasmania	126	34	1,045	115	41	12	1,212	161	13.28
TOTAL	10,732	4,305	22,866	3,270	783	217	34,381	7,792	22.66

- (a) Includes Australian Capital Territory,
(b) Includes Northern Territory.

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